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## OFFICE OF COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

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Nevada Council on Developmental Disabilities

Nevada Council on Independent Living

Nevada Council on Assistive Technology

Personal Assistance Services

Nevada Tele Communications Program and **Deaf Services** 

Traumatic Brain Injury Services

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RE: CG Docket #02-311 – Biennial Review

As the administrator of Relay Nevada, I'd like to submit some comments about a few TRS-related topics:

- 1. The National Exchange Carriers Association should fund a national 711/ TRS outreach campaign—one that is targeted to the hearing population. People with disabilities are well aware of TRS, but the folks they call are not.
- 2. The FCC should mandate that wireless companies share in the per-line surcharges that fund TRS. Wireless has long had access to TRS, but has not shared in the cost. As land lines give way to wireless, the "tax base" to support TRS slowly evaporates.
- 3. The regulations mandating 60 wpm typing for TRS operators should be clarified to include accuracy and should define how accuracy is measured.
- 4. In your biennial review of the regulations related to TRS. it is vital that the regulations not be weakened.

Thanks for your continued hard work on behalf of Americans with disabilities!

Best Regards.

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Relay Nevada